

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With regard to the plunge router shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, the motor assembly 30 has a housing 36 that houses a motor ~~(not shown)~~37 that is ventilated by air vents 38 located in the front and back of the top portion thereof with the housing merging with left and right horizontal handle portions 40, 42 that also merge with generally vertical left and right handle portions 44 and 46. A rotatable pop-up knob 48 is provided on the left horizontal handle portion 40 for providing fine adjustment of the depth of cut of the router when installed in the plunge base assembly 32 and providing the sole depth of cut adjustment when it is also installed in the fixed base assembly 34. A power cord 50 is provided for connection to a source of electrical power. The motor in the housing 36 has an output shaft 52 to which a collet assembly 54 is preferably attached for securing a router bit 55 or other tool to the router during operation. The motor is controlled by an on/off trigger switch 56 located in the right handle 46 and a speed control rotary switch 58 may be provided in the top of the left handle 44. It should be understood that speed variation may or may not be a part of the illustrated router and is not essential to the present invention. A lock-on button 59 may be provided to run the router motor after it has been triggered on without requiring the operator to hold the trigger switch 56 in its depressed position during operation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The plunge lock lever 68 is positioned at the left rear of the motor carrier assembly 60 adjacent the vertical handle portion 44 which is convenient for a user to operate in that the user can easily release the plunge locking mechanism 66 by pulling the handle ~~68-44~~ to the left without removing his hand from the handle 44. An internal spring normally biases the motor carrier assembly away from the sub-base assembly ~~6062~~. A depth control mechanism, indicated generally at 78, is provided together with a scale 80 to accurately set the depth of cut during a plunge routing operation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With regard to the motor assembly and referring to FIGS. 5, 6 and 7, it is apparent that the housing 36 has a contemporary shape that is of a generally square appearance when viewed from above or below. The lower portion of the housing, indicated at 102, is the portion that is inserted in the base assemblies 32, 34 and it has a generally square configuration as shown by the outside walls 104 that are slightly curved in FIG. 7 and which merge with angular corner portions ~~106~~105. In the lower portion 102, the sidewalls 104 are not perfectly straight in the vertical direction, nor are they perfectly parallel to the axis of the output shaft of the motor. Because of this variation in shape in the vertical direction, it should be appreciated that maintaining the output shaft

and therefore the router bit in a relatively perfectly perpendicular orientation to the bottom planar surface of either base assembly is not a simple matter, particularly with regard to the fixed base router configuration where the motor assembly must be capable of being moved vertically relative to the fixed base assembly 34. For that reason and which will be more fully described hereinafter, a recess 106 is provided which extends from the bottom of the motor assembly upwardly throughout most of the lower portion 102 that fits within each base assembly. The recess 106 has a bottom surface 108 that is formed to be relatively perfectly aligned parallel to the axis of the output shaft 52. A raised rail surface on the inside of each base assembly has a surface that engages the bottom surface 108 of the recess 106 and in conjunction with the motor assembly locking mechanism of each base assembly assures proper and accurate alignment of the router bit relative to the bottom surfaces of the respective base assemblies.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The motor carrier assembly 60 also has provision for preventing separation of the motor assembly 30 from the motor carrier assembly 60 when the locking mechanism 64 is in its unlocked position. In that state, the motor assembly can be freely moved relative to the motor carrier assembly 60 and would potentially separate from the motor carrier assembly were it not for the previously mentioned recess 110 and base release button 112 located near the bottom of the rear wall of the motor assembly 30 (see

FIGS. 6 and 7) that is contacted by a stop pin 192 provided in the motor carrier assembly 60. This inwardly protruding stop pin 192 is provided and is located above a base release actuator 194 that is spring biased away from the wall 126. The base release actuator 194 is in the form of a shoulder screw with a spring located outside of it, with the shoulder screw sliding freely in a hole 196 located in a downwardly extending flange 198, with the actuator being secured by a nut 200 attached to the other end of the shoulder screw 194~~195~~. When the motor assembly is inserted in the motor carrier assembly, the stop pin 192 will depress the base release button 112 as it is being inserted and when the pin 192 clears the button 112, it is in the position to prevent sliding removal of the motor assembly from the motor carrier assembly 60 unless and until the base release actuator 194 is depressed to depress the base release button 112 so that the pin 192 can clear the base release button 112 during removal of the motor assembly.